

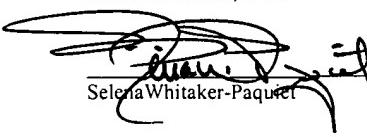


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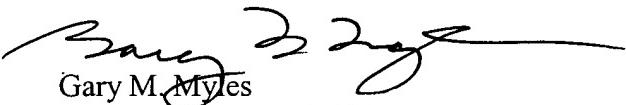
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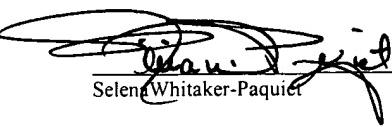
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Please amend the subject patent application as follows, prior to examination on the merits.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper